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SEVERAL RUSSIANS UNDER ARREST.

THREE REPORTED SHOT.

Reports now to hand from Canton indicate that last Saturday's events possessed a far bigger significance than was at first thought, General Chang Kai-shek having brought off a swift coup against both the boycott pickets and the Russians.

The houses of Russian officers in Tungshan were searched, considerable ammunition taken therefrom and a number of the inmates placed under arrest. Three of these are reported to have been since shot. Many of the pickets at the headquarters were also disarmed.

It is thought that General Chan now intends clearing out all the Russians from Canton, hoping eventually to set up his own Government. Locally it is rumoured that over a hundred Russians have already embarked aboard a Russian steamer leaving for Vladivostock.

The Telegraph's Canton correspondent, writing under date of Tuesday, states that what on Saturday appeared to be nothing else than a local political move now transpires to have been a much bigger affair, which may have a considerable bearing on the whole boycott situation.

For some time past, says our correspondent, it has been rumoured that General Chang Kai-shek has been tiring of Russian influence and has been scheming for some time to find a plan whereby he might oust them. The Russians, on the other hand, are said to have been well aware of his intentions and have been indulging in intrigues with a view to his assassination. In their schemes, the Russians have been aided by the Vice Admiral in command of the flagship Chungshan, who has been for some time a bitter enemy of General Chang Kai-shek.

GENERAL CHANG ACTS.

Matters came to a head on Friday night, when the plans of the Russians leaked out and came to the ears of General Chang Kai-shek. The latter immediately took action and early on Saturday morning he had the whole of Tungshan surrounded, as well as the strike headquarters, and there he carried out a successful counter-move.

All Russian houses were entered and all arms and ammunition were taken away, while at headquarters the pickets were disarmed and over 1,000 rifles taken away, besides all the strikers' books. Several of the suspected Russians were arrested and it is rumoured that three have been shot.

It appears to have been the idea of the Russians to get the pickets and boycott organization to gain control of the Government, in which event the Vice Admiral of the Chungshan was to be given an important post. The latter was, however, arrested by General Chang's troops and is stated to have been promptly executed by shooting.

A NEW GOVERNMENT?

It is thought that General Chang Kai-shek will now make a big effort to drive all the Russians from Canton and set up his own Government, and many are of opinion that the developments now occurring mean the beginning of the end so far as the present Government is concerned.

The pickets are still functioning, but Tungshan remains closely guarded by large bodies of troops.

In view of Saturday's events, there was a run on the Central Bank on Monday morning, the notes having depreciated 10%

CANTON HOSPITAL BLOCKADE.

U. S. CONSUL'S SUCCESSFUL PROTEST.

SUPPLIES FOR STAFF.

Despite the closing down of the Canton Hospital and the removal of all the patients, the strike pickets have still continued to cause further trouble, with the result that the American Consul General has had to take action in the matter.

The foreign staff has, since the closing down of the institution, remained in residence at the hospital, but the strike pickets have endeavoured to prevent food supplies going in.

So serious had the position become, that the "American" Consul General called on the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs to whom he made a protest against the activities of the pickets, informing him that if there was any further interference from this quarter he would send in provisions to the hospital under protection of armed marines.

The protest has apparently proved successful, for our Canton correspondent states that since the Consul's call on the Foreign Commissioner the pickets have refrained from further interference.

BRAZIL TRAGEDY.

104 LIVES LOST.

Manao (Brazil), March 21. One hundred and four fatalities are reported in connection with the loss of the Brazilian steamer Paes de Carvalho which was destroyed by fire and sunk near Coury.

LOSS CAUSED BY EXPLOSION.

Rio de Janeiro, March 24. The latest report says that an explosion caused the loss of the steamer Paes de Carvalho. Eighty passengers, the Captain and two officers perished and 78 passengers and seven of the crew were rescued.—*Reuter's American Service*.

INDIANS INSULTED.

CHINESE WOMEN FINED.

Two Chinese women, taken into custody by an Indian constable early this morning for dumping refuse into a drain, had it alleged against them that they used indecent language to the policeman.

One of the terms complained of was "molokai" (i.e. "Indian devil"), while another strongly-represented expression was an awful curse amounting to a wish for the total extinction of the family and relatives of the Indian.

On their part, the women, who appeared before Major C. Willson at the Police Court this morning, alleged indecent behaviour against the witness. This was not believed by the Bench, a fine of \$10 each being imposed on the accused.

KOWLOON THEFTS.

CLOTHES STOLEN FROM ROOF.

A Chinese, pleading guilty to a charge of stealing a quilt belonging to Mrs. C. Webb, of Ley's Building, where the article was being dried on the roof of the house, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

A second Chinese was sentenced to one month's hard labour for receiving certain undergarments which had been stolen from the roof of Mr. Vassona's residence at Ley's Building.

ROPE AND LAND.

SHAREHOLDER CRITICISES THE MIXTURE.

COMPANY MEETING.

New has reached Canton of the rounding up of a notorious gang of bandits in the Luchow district, with the capture of the woman chief at its head, as well as over 200 of her followers, and the killing of 300 others.

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CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—We now lay before you the report and accounts for the year which closed on 31st December, 1925, and as copies of these have been in your hands for some time past, I will, with your permission, take them as read. When I addressed you about twelve months ago, I said I could not speak optimistically about the prospects for 1925, and I am sorry to say that, as you will have seen from the accounts, my fears have been fully realized.

The profit from sales of rope is \$50,478.56 and we collected \$19,835.21 in rents. Declining depreciation \$21,008.05, interest paid \$22,561.14. Consulting Committee and Auditors fees, etc., the profit for the year is reduced to \$24,775.99. Under these circumstances, we regret we cannot recommend the payment of a dividend on this occasion. In all our markets we have had competition such as we have never before had to contend against. Factories in Manila can find a good market in the United States as their shipments go in free of duties which, as regards shipments of rope yarns from here, have just been fixed at 10 per cent ad valorem; that is, of course, a very heavy handicap for us. As there are four factories over there, you will appreciate that we have had a hard struggle to meet such artificial competition. The political trouble at Canton which affected all our shipping customers was naturally reflected in our local sales which for the last half of 1925 show a marked falling off, against those for the first six months of that year. Sales abroad also showed the effect of the competition I have just referred to. In face of all these adverse conditions, it is not surprising that our total deliveries for 1925 show a reduction of over one million pounds and our net profits from Working Account are down to \$50,478.56, as against \$100,744.04 in 1924.

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BIG BANDIT GANG CAPTURED.

WOMAN LEADER AMONG CAPTIVES.

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INTER-ALLIED DEBTS.

BRITAIN'S POLICY LUCIDLY EXPLAINED.

DEBATE IN COMMONS.

The accusation that the settlement terms with Italy were "trivial in the extreme" and that the provisional terms arranged with France should be revised, was the outstanding characteristic of a speech in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Philip Snowden during an important debate on Britain and Inter-Allied debts.

Mr. Winston Churchill, reiterated that Britain was in favour of obliterating all the Inter-Allied debts, but that Britain had to pay £238,000,000 a year to the United States, she was trying to get nearly that sum from her debtors and German reparations.

Having quoted figures showing how Britain hoped to get £238,000,000 per year, Mr. Churchill said that Russia might, some day, fill in the gap.

Rugby, March 24.

A debate took place in the House of Commons to-day on the subject of inter-Allied debts.

It was opened by Mr. Philip Snowden, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the late Labour Government. Mr. Snowden pointed out that Britain was owed £280,000,000 by Russia, £700,000,000 by France, £600,000,000 by Italy, and about £100,000,000 by smaller European States. Britain was paying to the United States about £24,000,000 a year rising ultimately to £28,000,000 under the funding arrangement made with that country.

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to do what was fair and right towards individual debtors who had made genuine and spontaneous efforts to redeem their obligations. On the other hand, every civilised State had an immense interest in obtaining from its creditors a full, free and honourable discharge of its contractual obligations. Without such a discharge, the credit of the debtor was gravely undermined. The power of a creditor was limited not only by a debtor's capacity to pay but by a debtor's view of the importance of world credit.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

As to what had been done towards collecting debts owed to us, Mr. Churchill said though Russia had repudiated hers it might not be the last word that we should hear from Russia. Things were changing there and the importance of the world's credits to that vast community was dawning upon Russia's rulers. We did not abrogate any of our claims, and if at any time the initiative in raising the question came from Russia we should not treat Russia with less consideration than we had treated the other debtors. In regard to the debt of Italy, her capacity to pay had been considered by our experts to be about one-third of the capacity to pay of France, and she had agreed to pay £4,000,000 for 62 years. This country attached the utmost importance to the fact that that was on the sole credit of Italy herself and not contingent on the reparations Italy received from Germany. He emphasised that no political consideration of any kind entered into the fixing of that sum, except the general political consideration of the long friendship of Italy and Britain

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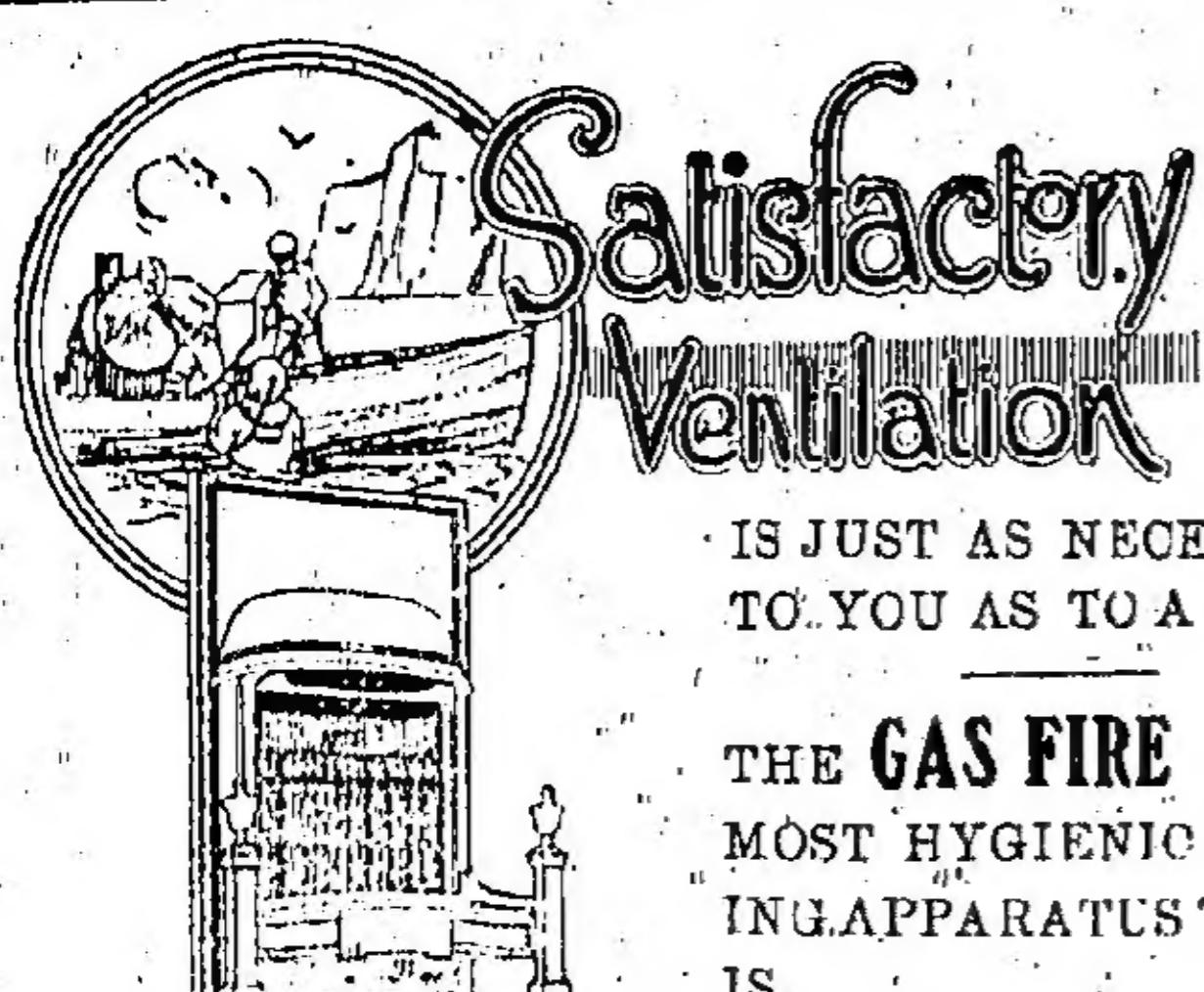
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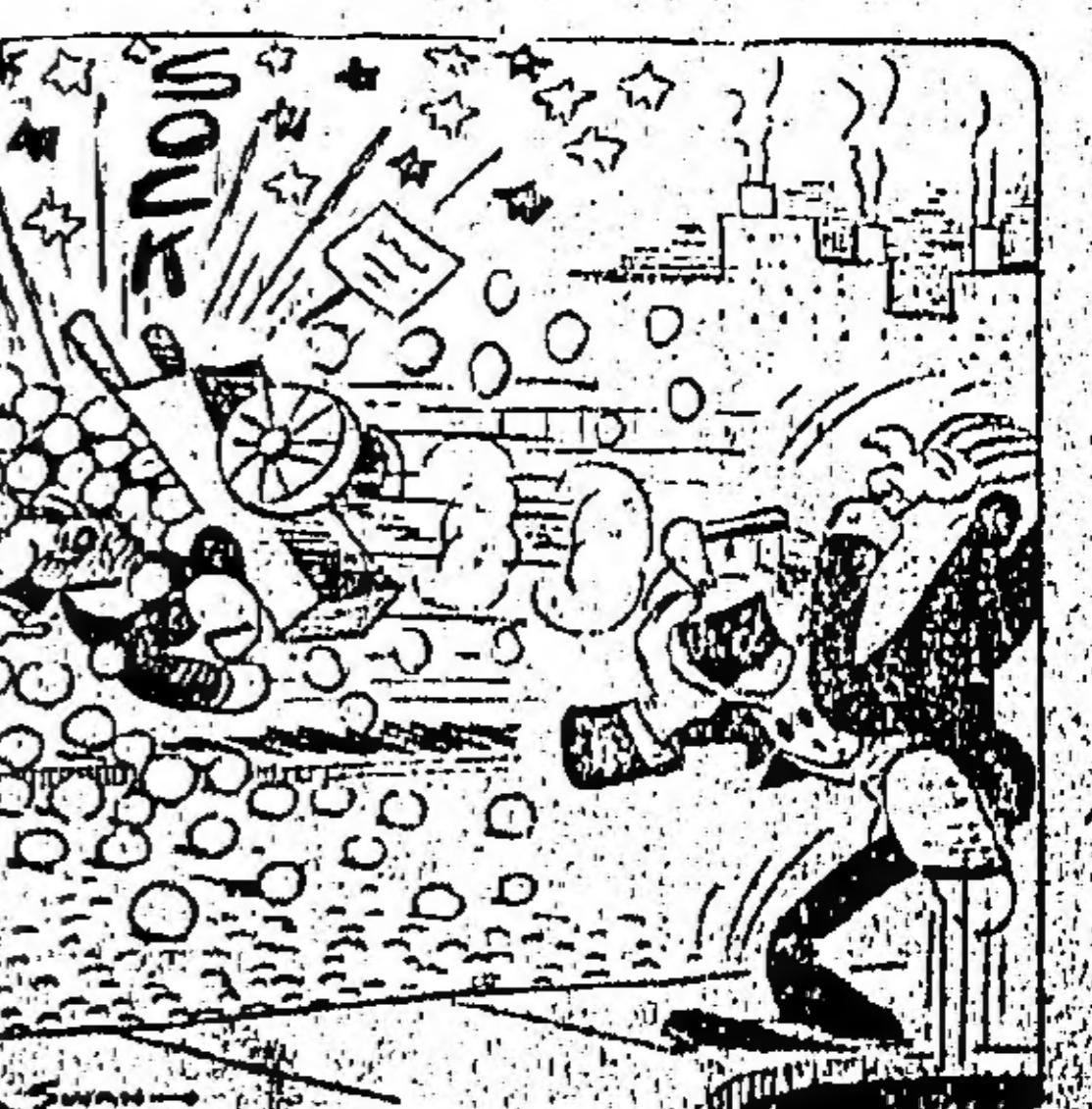
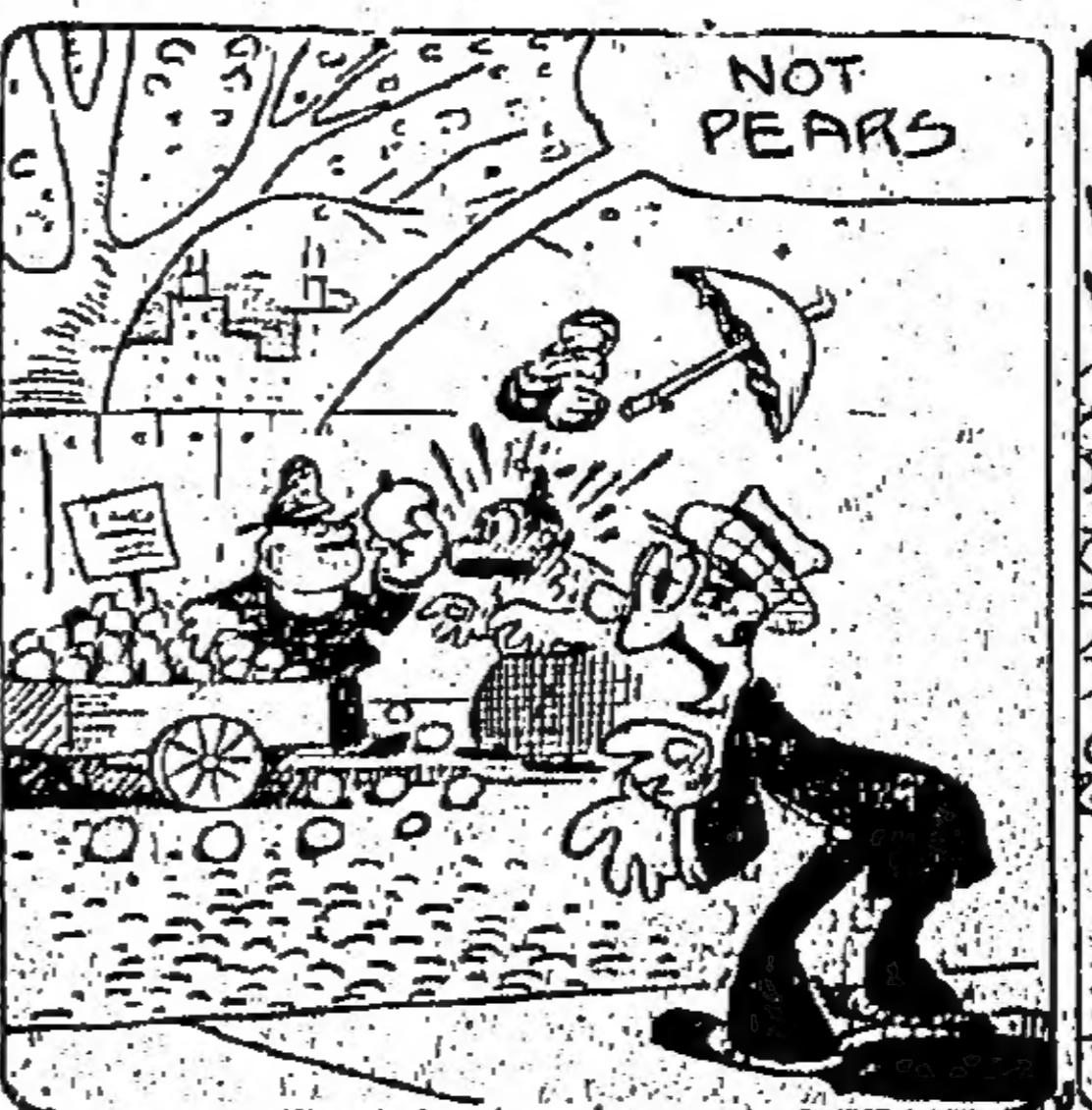
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AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY AT PO HING FONG.

Yesterday's Ceremony.

There was a large gathering at Murray Barracks Parade Ground yesterday afternoon, when H. E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, reviewed the St. John's Ambulance Corps and invested a number of those who distinguished themselves at the Po Hing-fong disaster.

For the investiture the whole force of the St. John's detachment were drawn up on the Parade Ground, with the mobile section to the north, the Nursing Corps under Drs. Hickling and Minett to the south and the local detachments from Salingpun, Kowloon, the Indian and Railway detachments fronting the saluting point which was before the stand at the western side, under their respective officers. The band of the East Surrey Regiment was lined up behind the detachments.

On the arrival of His Excellency the Royal Salute was played, after which the Corps was inspected and then marched past. At a whistle from the Officer Commanding members of the spectators who had already been selected took the part of injured persons in various parts of the field. Among these were cases of broken limbs, fits, drowning, asphyxiation and electrocution. The Corps immediately set to work and all branches of the detachment were brought into operation. Patients after being bandaged were conveyed by both the motor and hand drawn ambulances to a dressing station and then to a "train" fitted with suspension hooks. His Excellency showed great interest in the work of the various branches.

The Recipients.

The Corps then formed up at the saluting point with the recipients of awards to the left. As they stepped forward Mr. Morris, Deputy Superintendent, read out the details of the acts for which the awards were made and the recipients stepped forward in turn, and were decorated by Sir Cecil Clementi. The awards were each placed on silk cushion bearing the insignia of St. John of Jerusalem and pinned upon the breast of the recipients by His Excellency. The awards were:

Honorary Knight of Grace.—Mr. Ho Kom-tong, "For valuable service rendered to the Order." Medals of the Order.—"For conspicuous gallantry in saving life at imminent risk."

Silver Medal.—E. Ralphs, (Assistant Commissioner, in charge, St. John Ambulance Brigade).

Bronze Medal.—D. Burlingham, (Assistant Superintendent, Hongkong Police), H. T. Brooks, (Superintendent, Hongkong Fire Brigade), J. Condon, (Assistant Hongkong Fire Brigade), G. A. Hyder, (L'ee Corporal, St. John Ambulance Brigade) and H. Braga, (Scout Master, B. P. Boy Scouts).

Bellies' Medal.—"For conspicuous bravery."—Fan Lam and Lau Kiu, (Hongkong Fire Brigade), Chak Tai-kwong, Szeto Cheung and Leung Sui-sang, (St. John Ambulance Brigade).

Trophies were then presented, these being:

"Ralphs" Shield, (For General Efficiency, at Annual Competition), Y. M. C. A. Division; "Lau Chu-Pak" Duty Cup, (For best record of actual Ambulance duty

performed during 1925), Indian Division; "Holyoak" Attendance Cup, (For best attendance during 1925), Railway Division.

The Governor's Speech:

Addressing the parade, H. E. Excellency said:

Officers and men of the Hongkong Branch of St. John Ambulance Brigade,

I am glad to see so large a muster on parade and I congratulate you on the efficient display of "first aid" which you have just given. As the years go by I hope to see a very considerable increase in your numbers; for I attach great importance to the training in "first aid" of the Hongkong Police, of the Hongkong Fire Brigade and of the employees of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. It is also very much in the public interest that the employees of certain public utility companies should receive such a training.

Street accidents are very frequent in this Colony. I hardly ever read the daily Police report without seeing one or more such accidents recorded. A very high percentage of our population lives about and therefore it is a matter of moment that "first aid" in saving persons from drowning should be readily available. The recent Hongkong Hotel fire serves to remind us of the extent to which our lives are in the care of the Fire Brigade; and there is the ever present threat of typhoons. When fires, storms and accidents occur, it is nearly always a policeman who is first on the scene and it is, therefore, essential that the police should know how to give "first aid." Moreover, it is very desirable that the man in the street should realize that police constables are not merely men waiting for him round the corner with a pair of handcuffs, but that they will be the first to succour him in time of trouble. Nothing will do more than this to promote good feeling between the general public and the Police Force. I shall, therefore, use all my influence to encourage the training in "first aid" of as large a number of policemen and railwaymen as possible.

This "first aid" training cannot be given without the help of medical practitioners and I desire to offer the cordial thanks of this Colony to all the medical men, both European and Chinese, whose help has been so freely and willingly given to this Brigade.

The efficiency of the Brigade is very largely due to these doctors. It is also due to the enthusiasm of all ranks of the Brigade itself as well as to the financial support given by the community, particularly the Chinese community, and in this connection I must specially mention the generous help given to the Brigade by Mr. Ho Kom-tong. It has been a great pleasure to me to-day to invest him with the insignia of a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John. The work of Mr. Ralphs, as your Commandant, also merits the highest praise and I sincerely congratulate him on winning the silver medal of the Order awarded for gallantry in saving life. I also congratulate all the other members of the Brigade to whom medals have been awarded. The work of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade is entirely voluntary and no fees or rewards of any kind are at any time accepted by the members. This fact makes the record of duty done in 1925 very remarkable, and I must make special mention of the work of the Brigade at the Po Hing Fong disaster in respect of which several medals have been granted, while this year the Brigade attended at the Hongkong Hotel Fire and has already vaccinated over 600 persons. The Brigade is in

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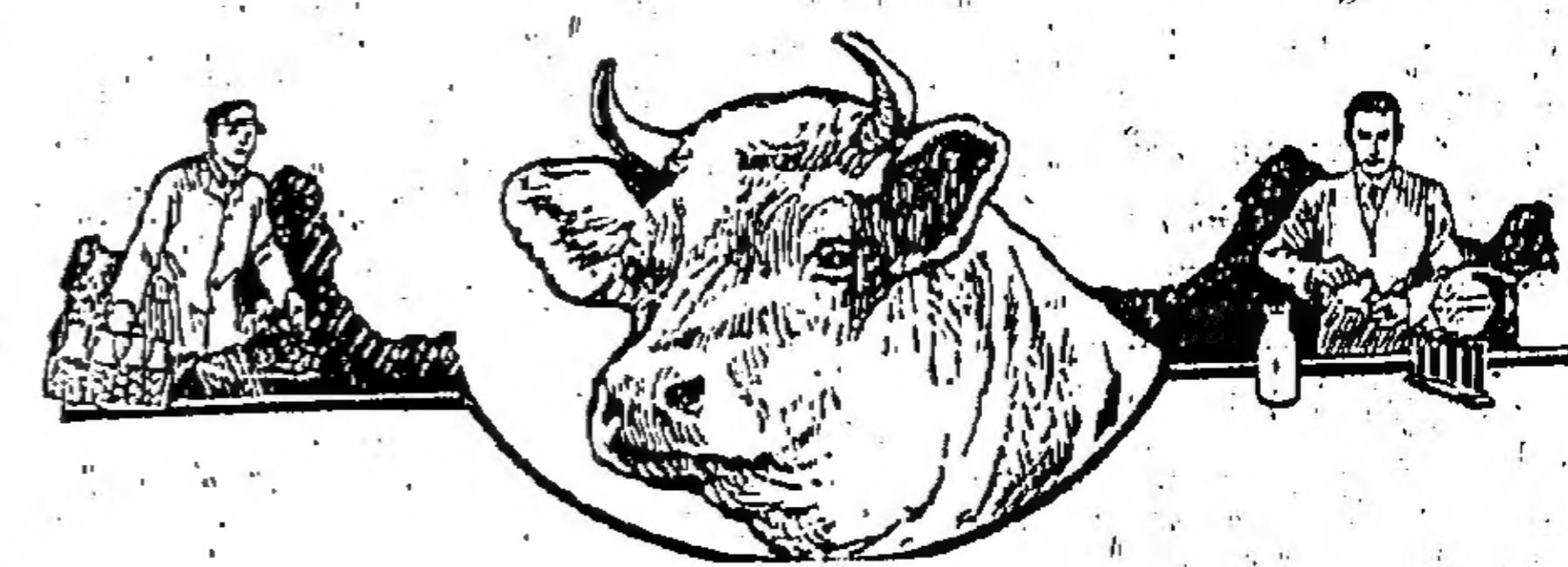
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every way deserving of the thanks and the support of the Colony. I wish it continued and ever-increasing success in its benevolent activities.

The Corps then once more marched past headed by the Mobile Section and then dispersed.

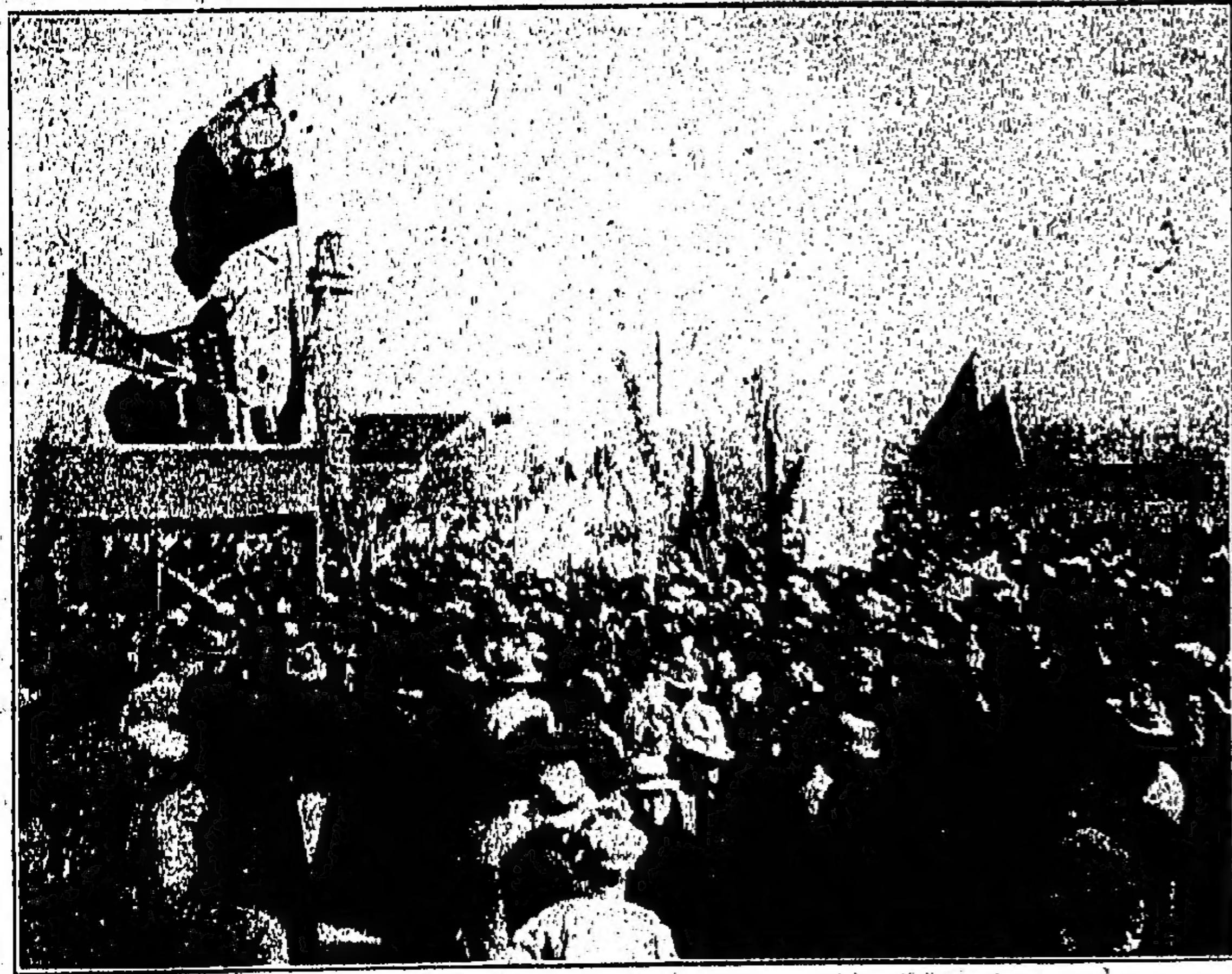
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Anti-British Meeting at Peking.



The recent Canton Customs dispute served as the pretext for calling a huge mass meeting in Peking at the central gate of the Forbidden City, known as "The Gate of Heavenly Peace." Led by members of the Kuomintang, whose flag is seen flying prominently from the speakers' stand, the meeting passed several anti-British and anti-Wu Pei-fu resolutions.

Shrove Tuesday at Westminster School.



Our photograph shows L. M. G. MacDonald, winner of the Pancake Greeze guinea, with the Headmaster; Dr. Costley-White (left) and the Dean, Dr. Foxley-Norris (right). Times copyright.

The Destruction of Oulton Hall.



Damage estimated at over £200,000 was done by the fire which destroyed Oulton Hall near Chester on February 14, when five persons lost their lives in attempting to salvage some of the art treasures in the mansion. Our picture shows Mr. White, who was injured during salvage work, standing by one of the Van Dyck pictures which were saved. (Times copyright).

Christian Soldiers on Their Way to Battle.



Troops of the First Kuominchun (Gen. Feng Yu-hsiang) are here seen being transported through Peking in open box cars to the fighting lines south of Tientsin. It is against the army rules for the men to unsheathe their swords, except in actual warfare, but an exception was made for photographic purposes. Lieut-Colonel Huang, to be seen standing in the centre, is in command of this group.

Shanghai Teams Which Met In The Fraser Shield Final.



The Shanghai Scottish won the Fraser Shield for the fourth time when they defeated the Macmillan Gunners after an exciting game by 5 goals to 2. Photograph shows the two teams before the match, with Mr. S. Barton, British Consul-General, in the centre, just behind the shield. Mr. Barton kicked off, and afterwards presented the shield to the winners. The teams were as follows:—Scottish: G. D. Nicholl; J. K. Ewing, O. Moor, W. G. Calder, A. A. Gowan, G. T. Crawford, B. Baxter, A. S. Phillips, J. Falconer, W. E. Dalley, S. Begg, M. G. Co., J. Moallem, E. J. Cooke, J. Turner, H. Rogerson, L. G. Day, L. F. Stokes; A. V. White, A. Cooper, L. Goldman, G. S. Dunkley, G. C. Large. Referee: Mr. R. R. Johns. At the back are officers and N. C. O.'s of the two companies with officials of the Shanghai Football Association.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1926.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 26th March, 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1925.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, March 5, 1926.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, 29th March, 1926, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., at 5.30 p.m. to pass and adopt the Accounts for 1925 and to elect Officers, etc.

Will anyone willing to join the committee or take office please send their names to the undersigned.

B. L. FROST,

President & Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 20, 1926.

NOTICE.

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The First Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 3rd April, 1926 commencing at 2.30 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all persons including Ladies, Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

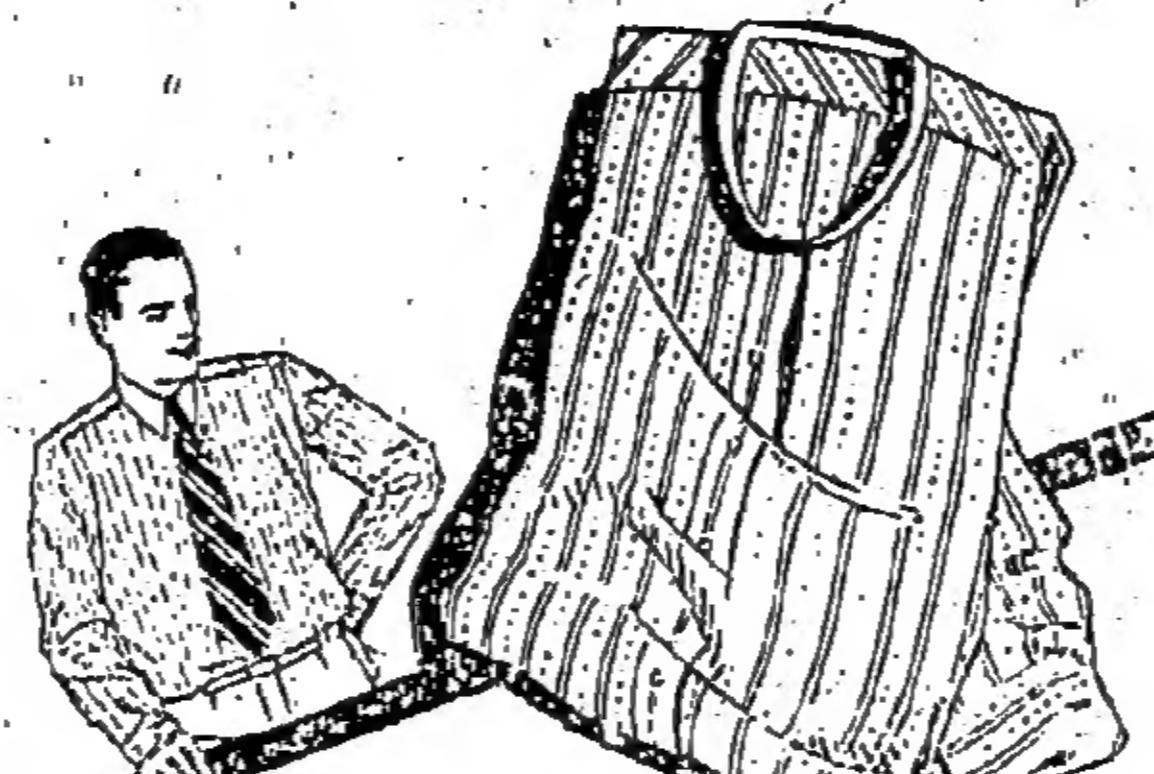
Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Lipstead & Davis at \$5. each up to Thursday 1st April.

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tain alternative procedure, by which a small portion should be contingent on the Dawes annuities and the rest on the credit of France, but the French Minister held most strongly to the view that in the event of the total failure of German reparations, France could not be expected to continue those payment. "That seemed to take away with one hand what had been given by the other, and it remains a very definite obstacle to the conclusion of this agreement." While these difficulties with France might be serious he believed they would not prevent a speedy and satisfactory arrangement. We had also made certain settlements, with minor Powers, particularly Rumania.

BRITAIN'S HOPES.—We expected to obtain \$12,500,000 from France, we had undertaken to get from Italy \$4,000,000; we estimated that we might be able to collect from minor Powers, say up to \$2,000,000; and if Germany paid three-quarters of the approximate reparations under the Dawes scheme, which was a perfectly reasonable basis on which to work, that would mean £15,000,000. Therefore, in the near or not too distant future, we should be receiving £33,500,000 a year. We were at present paying £33,000,000 a year to the United States and probably gathered we should be paying £38,000,000. There was thus some day, Russia might be prepared and anxious to fill. He did not think that we were so far from having achieved the principle and object of the Balfour Note that we should regard our declarations in that respect as having been nugatory.—British Wireless.

OPIUM CONVENTION.

BRITAIN ONLY COUNTRY TO RATIFY.

London, March 24. In the House of Commons, replying to Viscount Sandon, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the British ratification of the Opium Agreement and Convention signed at Geneva was deposited with the League of Nations on February 17. As far as the Government was aware no foreign Power had yet ratified the Agreement or Convention. He pointed out that the Convention did not come into force until it was ratified by ten Powers and the Agreement was not enforced till the League had received the ratifications of two Powers.—Reuter.

Berlin, March 24. According to provisional official figures people have signed a demand for a plebiscite as to whether the property of the German ex-rulers should be confiscated without compensation. Fifty per cent. of the total electorate, or about 20,000,000 must vote for the plebiscite but it is doubtful whether this figure will be reached. Consequently, the ex-Kaiser and his colleagues have no need to be particularly alarmed.—Reuter.

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Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on Monday 29th March 1926, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1925.

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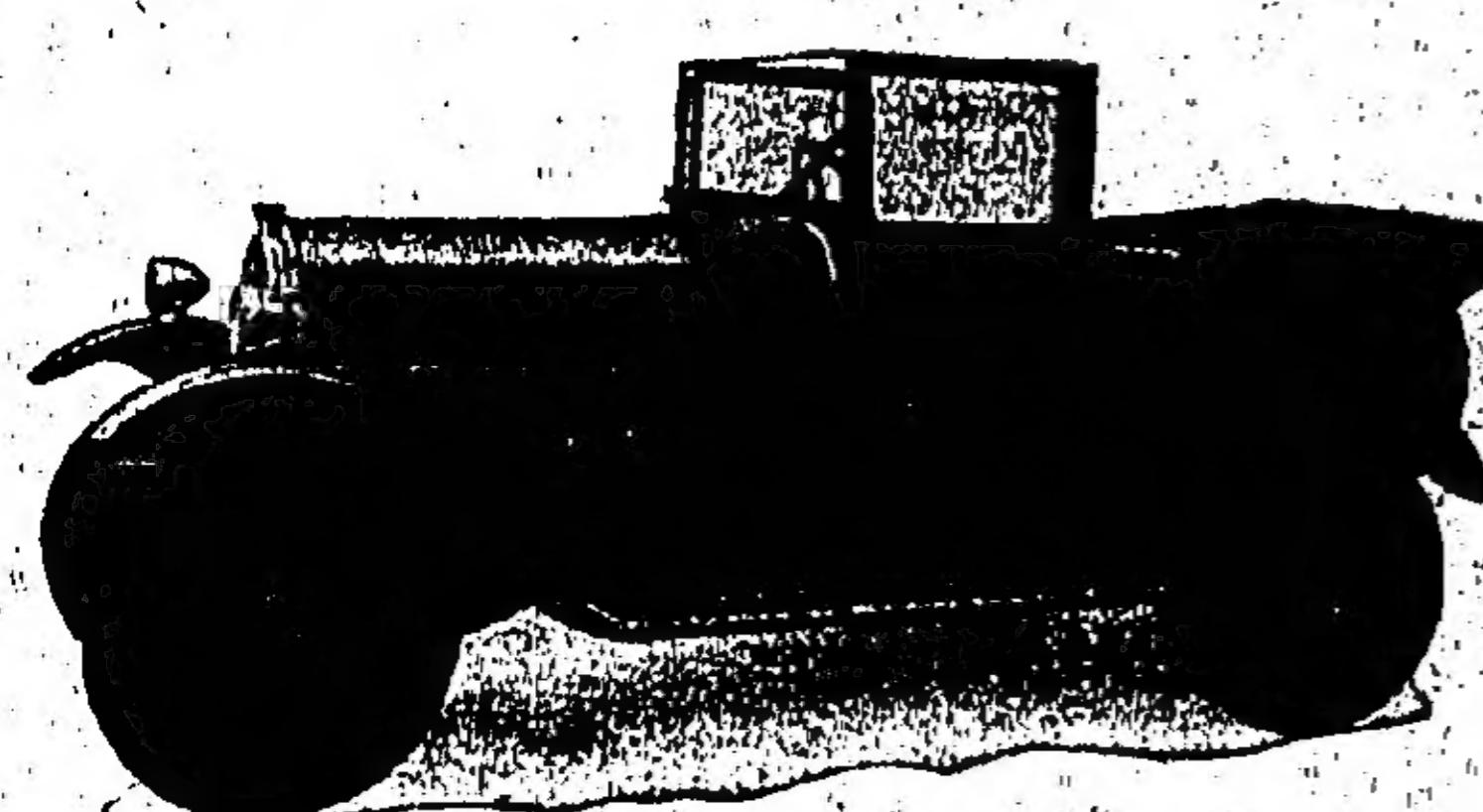
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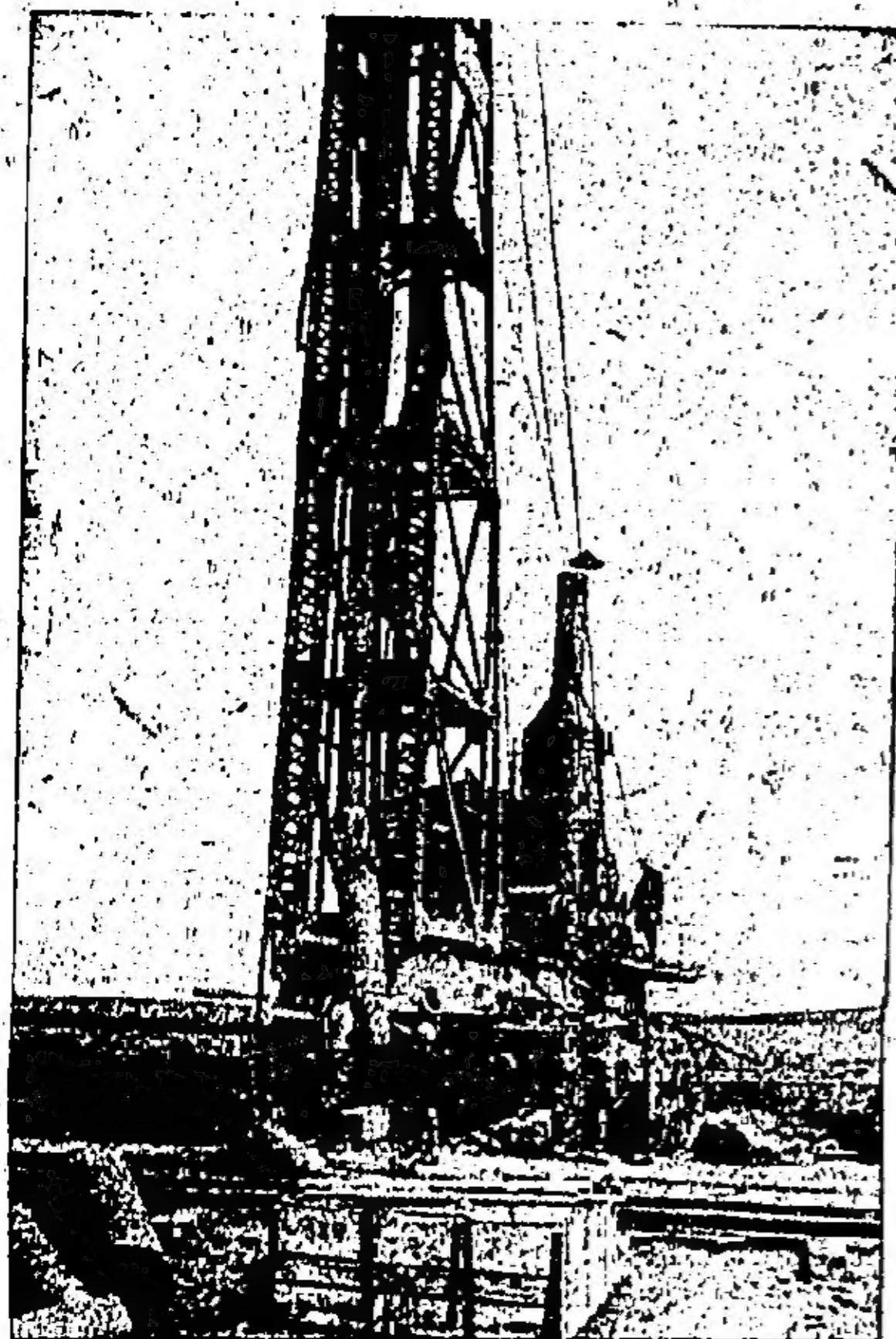
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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HONGKONG SOCIETY.

An Increasing Membership.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Rationalist Press Association was held yesterday afternoon, the chair being occupied by Dr. W. W. Pearse, the President.

The hon. secretary, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, in presenting the report and accounts said:

For the year 1925 there were on the books of the local branch the names of 49 members. Of these one has so far failed to renew his subscription for the current year and three have left the district. As against this the new members who have so far joined our ranks for the year 1926 total 36, so that we have 81 members, an increase of 32, or just over 65% as compared with last year. It is not impossible that this figure will be further increased in the course of the year.

The fact that our local branch has lost the services of those who have removed from the district is the less to be regretted when we consider that our loss is the gain of another local branch. It is to be hoped that members removing from our district to places where there is as yet no Local Secretary will seriously consider the opportunity thereby presented to them of further strengthening the Rationalist movement by themselves undertaking the duties of Secretary wherever the circumstances permit.

The Library.

The thanks of the Association are due to those whose guarantees of the necessary funds have enabled us to proceed with the scheme for the formation of a permanent library. If I may single out for special mention any one name it would be that of Mr. W. J. McCarthy, whose generous gift of books has given the library a good start on its way to become a really representative collection of works on all shades of religious opinion. Our thanks are due also to the local lodge of the Theosophical Society for a similar gift of books.

We may congratulate ourselves on a win, however, on no reason for resting on our oars, but rather encouragement for further efforts during the years to come.

The report was unanimously adopted.

New Officers.

On the proposal of Mr. Lamble it was agreed that the number of office bearers be increased by the appointment of a treasurer, dinner secretary and two extra committee members. He remarked that with increasing membership the secretary had really too much to do. This was carried unanimously.

Officers for the year 1926-27 were then elected as follows.

President, Mr. A. G. McClay; Vice President, Dr. C. Y. Wang; hon. secretary, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. J. Tacchi, dinner secretary, Mr. W. A. Zimmern; Committee, Messrs. J. F. Gross, Lay, Dr. C. C. Wang and Dr. A. G. M. Severn.

The matter of more frequent meetings of members was brought up by Mr. Spinke and after discussion it was agreed that it be recommended to the committee that if possible "At Homes" and other meetings for members be arranged during the year so that topics of interest might be discussed.

Mr. C. J. Tacchi remarked that he had just returned from England where he had attended many R. P. A. meetings and he had promised to convey to the members of the Hongkong Association

THE BRITISH LEGION

MEMBERSHIP GRADUALLY DWINDLING.

Extensive Relief Work.

The annual meeting of the British Legion (Hongkong and China Branch) was held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd. yesterday. The report stated that owing to disturbed conditions prevailing, the Legion had been called upon to assist a large number of distressed ex-servicemen and their families during the year, and \$2,403 had been expended in relief work.

The funds had been maintained by the annual interest from Sir Paul Chater's Fund, and they extended to him their appreciation of his generous gift.

The Legion had also received donations from the Hongkong Jockey Club and the Hongkong Boxing Association, and they tendered thanks for that support.

Subscriptions for the year amounted to \$475, a decline on the two previous years.

It was regretted that the membership was slowly dwindling, owing chiefly to members being transferred to other ports. If the Legion was to maintain its position in the Colony, strong efforts must be made to enrol new members.

Poppy Day Result.

They had to record with regret the death of Mr. C. H. Lyon, one of their members, and the deepest sympathy was extended to his dependents and relatives.

The report added that the Poppy Day Drive again proved a great success despite the "boycott" and over \$11,000 was collected. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Gordon Leask and his sub-committee for producing such excellent results.

The officials for the ensuing year were elected as follows.—President, Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton; Chairman, Mr. A. Murdoch; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. R. E. Cable; Hon. Auditor, Mr. A. Richie; Committee, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. A. Pirie, Mr. G. H. Sewell and Mrs. V. Bird.

the cordial good wishes of the secretary of the parent association, Mr. C. T. Gorham. (Applause).

President Leaving.

Mr. J. Smith, before the meeting closed, took the opportunity of expressing to the retiring President, Dr. Pearse, the good wishes of members for continued health and happiness while he was on leave. He wished to express the thanks members felt for the valuable services which he had rendered to the Association during the time he had been president. (Applause).

In replying Dr. Pearse thanked the speaker and paid tribute to the work done by Mr. Forrest as secretary. Continuing he said he would not be in England until the end of the present year or the beginning of next but one of the first places to which he would go would be the R. P. A. and he would tell them that in Hongkong there was a live and increasing association with every prospect of continued success. (Applause).

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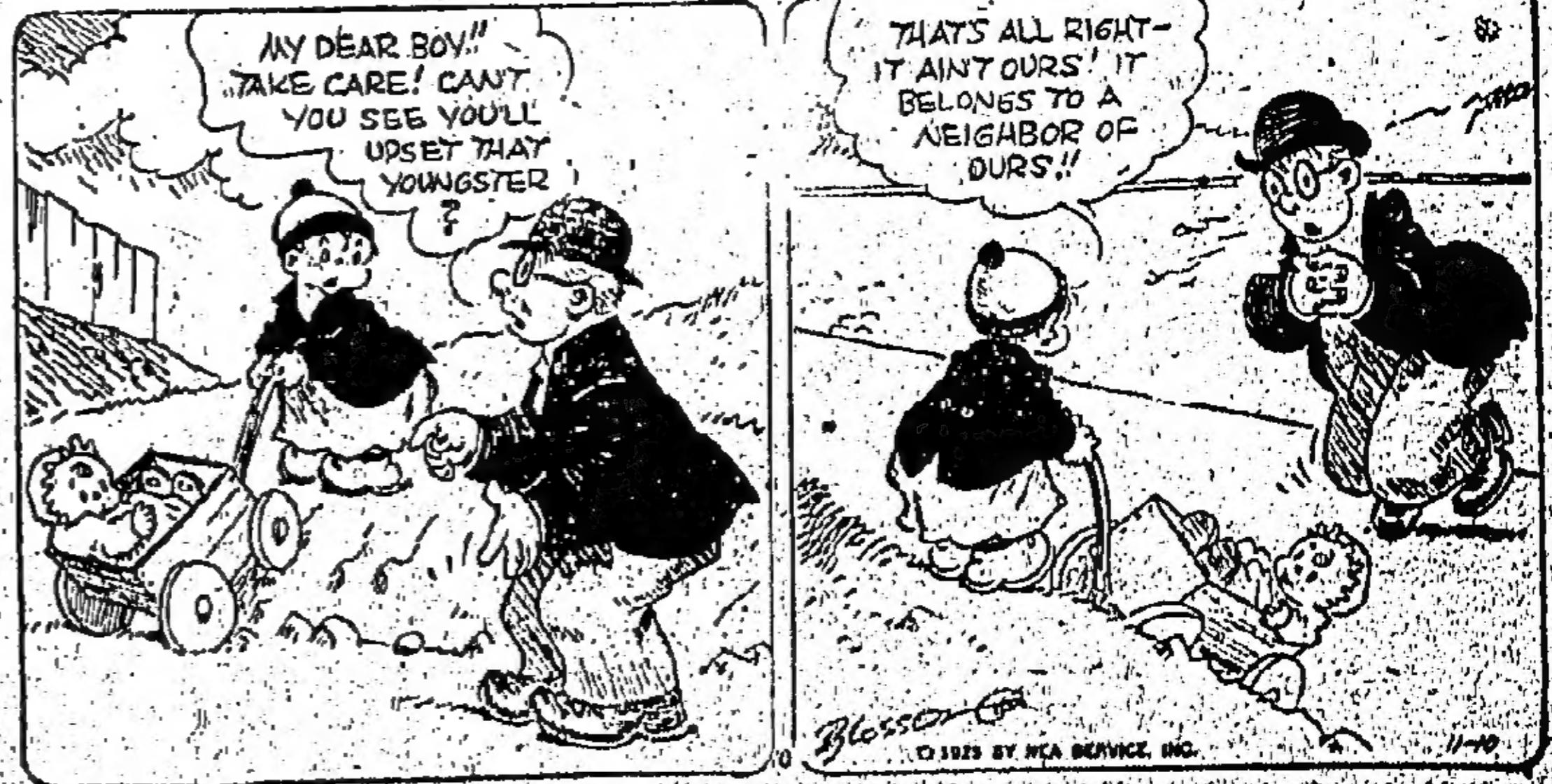
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THE LEAGUE ISSUE.

There will be just as much divided opinion now that Sir Austen Chamberlain has made his explanation of the Geneva collapse to the House of Commons as there was before—there will be those who think that a firm anti-extensions policy on the part of Britain before the League meeting would have

will be those who think that Britain's attitude of leaving herself quite free to play the part of conciliation (unfortunately not successful) was the wiser. There is an unanswerable argument in the plea that if every nation belonging to the League goes to the meetings with its mind fully made up on all matters the League will not be able to do the work for which it exists and that its whole purpose will be destroyed. One of the essential attributes of an international assembly like the League is that it shall be the place at which amicable decisions are made, not merely an organisation to receive reports of implacable attitude.

And in advancing this argument, Sir Austen Chamberlain has the right principle behind him, and the pity of it was that the representatives of some of the other countries, notably Brazil, did not have instructions which permitted them to deviate from an unalterable stand. Whatever regrets there might be at the failure of the late meetings at Geneva, we think that Britain's part has been a clean one. It has been made abundantly clear by her responsible spokesmen (and they are not liars) that there was no pledge or undertaking given to any nation before the Geneva meetings that Britain would support this or that application for permanent membership of the Council. Britain's only policy was to secure the admission of Germany to the League and also her election as a permanent member of the Council, and to do everything possible, by placating and reconciling others, to bring that about. Neither Britain nor her representatives were at any time disloyal to that idea, and we cannot but regret that a responsible statesman like Mr. Lloyd George should have brought a charge of disloyalty

DAY-BY DAY.

THE REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT TEACHES PEOPLES THEIR RIGHTS ALONE.—*Aubrey*

One case of enteric fever occurred in the Colony on Tuesday.

Canton's vaccination campaign has ended. In all, over 31,000 people have been inoculated.

A Router's message from Tokyo says the Upper House has passed the Budget, amounting to 1,598 million yen.

Sir Hugh Clifford, the Governor of Ceylon, is said to be working fourteen hours a day. We imagine that Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher is having something to do with that.

At the Marine Court yesterday, Wong Yau, a fireman aboard the s.s. *Bentley*, was sentenced to two weeks hard labour and fined two days pay for disobedience. He had signed on at Glasgow.

Following a quarrel with her husband, a woman living in Yau-tai took an overdose of opium in an attempt to commit suicide. She was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital in a semi-conscious state.

Kowloon City police have arrested two men in possession respectively of a dagger and a revolver and ammunition. Three coils of wire such as have been used for gagging victims in armed robberies were also found on one of the prisoners, who will be charged before the Magistrate in due course.

Three Hakka women and five men were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, the former with conspiracy to accuse forest guards of assault and the latter with assaulting the guards. The female defendants were sentenced to six months' imprisonment. The third and fifth male defendants were given three weeks, while the others were discharged.

A mystery which the police are endeavouring to clear up, but hitherto with very little success, surrounds the discovery of a *treasure* in the bottom of a nullah had been there for some hours before being found and sent to Hospital for treatment for a fractured skull. Violence is suspected, but the circumstances have not yet been disclosed by the woman.

A packed house witnessed the third performance of the musical play "No, No, Nanette" at the Theatre Royal last night. Encores were given of the principal musical items, and it was a very happy audience which went home at a very late hour. To-night Mr. Salisbury's "Quaints" are presenting the comedy, "The Sports of Kings." This play met with instantaneous success at its first introduction to a Kowloon audience at the Star Theatre during the week-end.

A Chinese woman, who was charged before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with drawing water from a fire hydrant, evoked much laughter in Court when she pleaded that she merely intended to prevent the excessive waste of water which was flowing from the hydrant. The defendant's plea was not, however, given credence by the Magistrate owing to the fact that she was arrested at 2 o'clock in the morning. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

The Bishop of Victoria, writing in regard to the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, to be held at the Helena May Institute at 5.15 p.m. tomorrow, states: "The Committee is the more particularly anxious that the public should know of this meeting as it will afford an opportunity of acknowledging the work done by Dr. Pearce during the last 33 years in which he has been Secretary of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, a record altogether unique."

In further evidence it was stated that money was given to the plaintiff as a personal loan and not as payment for any services that might be rendered.

Mr. Brooks submitted that he had no case to answer, as it appeared to be a matter of speculation. He added that it really amounted to an attempt to extort money from Mr. Chan Lim-pak.

His Lordship remarked that the onus of proof of the contract rested on the plaintiff, and he had failed to discharge it. Accordingly judgment would be given for the defendant.

against the Foreign Minister. Sir Austen Chamberlain might very possibly have made a tactical blunder, but he was never guilty of double dealing.

BRITISH OFFICER'S CLAIM

ASSOCIATION WITH CANTON MERCHANT VOLUNTEERS

FORMER COMMANDER SUED

How an English Army Officer journeyed from South Africa, at the instigation of his friends, to help in any way he could to settle the Hongkong-Canton trouble, was related before Mr. Justice Wood at the Supreme Court this morning during the hearing of an action respecting a claim for wages.

The plaintiff was Captain H. V. Chan Lim-pak. The plaintiff claimed \$2,000, of which it was alleged that \$1,000 was balance of wages, and \$900 three months salary in lieu of notice. A sum of \$1,000 was waived to bring the action within the jurisdiction of the Court, and the plaintiff also claimed his costs. Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almeida, appeared for the plaintiff, and the defendant was represented by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks.

Outlining the facts, Mr. Sheldon said the claim was for salary under a verbal agreement for employment. In April, 1925, the plaintiff was farming in Natal, South Africa, on the border of Zululand, where he heard of trouble between Hongkong and Canton. Seeing that he had had a large experience of military and police work, he left Durban for Hongkong on June 23rd, 1925, and arrived here on July 22nd. He stayed here for a few days and made enquiries about the situation, during the course of which he heard of the Merchant Volunteers at Canton, which had been organised and commanded by the defendant. Plaintiff met the defendant in Hongkong, and asked if he would agree to employ him. A conversation followed, and terms were discussed.

Plaintiff asked for a salary of \$600, but on the defendant replying that that was rather a lot, as the expenses were high, he agreed to take half, \$300. His duties were to stay in the Colony until they could get to Canton, when he would re-organise the police and act as

in charge of the finances. The defendant promised to introduce the plaintiff to General Chan King-ming. He received three cheques, for which he gave a receipt and made a voyage to Canton to see what the situation was like. Later, having made unsuccessful efforts to see the defendant, he wrote a letter asking for his arrears of salary, and the defendant sent a representative to see the plaintiff. The representative gave plaintiff to understand that the defendant knew nothing about the matter, and Mr. Sheldon added that it appeared that "vague threats" were used.

The plaintiff gave corroborative evidence. He said he had received his commission in 1881, and held important posts in Borneo, where he had been a magistrate, and an inspecting officer of constabulary.

He was closely cross-examined by Mr. Brooks as to his service and the various posts he had held, and Mr. Brooks suggested that at the first meeting with the defendant, plaintiff asked the defendant to employ him in military service.

The defendant replied that he could not, as he was living in Hongkong. Plaintiff denied this.

In his evidence Mr. Chan Lim-pak denied that he engaged the plaintiff. He said Captain Woon approached him for help in finding employment.

Examined by Mr. Sheldon, witness said he was head of the Merchant Volunteers, under General Chan King-ming, and intended to go to Canton as he had business interests there. Plaintiff had told him that he could get 500 British soldiers to assist General Chan King-ming, but he did not believe that. He did not know about any payments.

In further evidence it was stated that money was given to the plaintiff as a personal loan and not as payment for any services that might be rendered.

Mr. Brooks submitted that he had no case to answer, as it appeared to be a matter of speculation. He added that it really amounted to an attempt to extort money from Mr. Chan Lim-pak.

His Lordship remarked that the onus of proof of the contract rested on the plaintiff, and he had failed to discharge it. Accordingly judgment would be given for the defendant.

REPLY TO RATIONALISTS

CATHOLIC PREACHER'S SERMON

Preaching to a large congregation, the Rev. Fr. K. Schmidt, S.J., from the Manila University, at the Hongkong Roman Catholic Cathedral last evening ushered in his Lenten Mission by choosing as the text of his first address a very timely subject which was in effect,

a reply to the materialist, the evolutionist.

After expressing his gratification at the size of his audience which filled the edifice to overflowing, the preacher spoke especially to those of his hearers who had allowed themselves to be led astray by heresy. In answering first what he termed the "iddle of life," he led them to a contemplation of the purpose for which each was created and given his appointed niche in life. The fatalist had his invariable answer for everything, which in effect was a ready acceptance of the existence or occurrence of each event in life as a matter of fact or as a matter of inevitable occurrence, but to those endowed with a superior intelligence, placing them above creations of the lower order, it must be obvious that a hidden creative hand was at work. Taking as parallels the ingenious works of an aeroplane and the time-piece, which could be the products only of intelligence, the speaker argued that the creator of these inventions must see that his powers were limited to a certain point. He could neither recreate himself nor create something that was greater than himself. The worker could not, in plain point of fact, create something that was greater than himself, and, by the same process of reasoning, they must come to the inevitable conclusion having regard to the complicated and wonderful mechanism of the human being, that man had

been created by One greater than himself, and that one was God.

Fr. Schmidt in a strong criticism of the evolutionist and his "idle theory," said that with all his facility in science and reasoning, the evolutionist could not bridge the gap, however narrow it

was between the irrationalist and the rationalist, the short link

which purported to prove his evolutionism from an animal of the inferior order.

Scientists of repute had ex-

perimented with the human body immediately after the thread of life had been cut, in an endeavour to compare its weight with that of the state of life, and had con-

fessed themselves disappointed in finding no material difference to prove their conception of the

materialism of the human state and body.

The greatest believer in evolution himself died in ague-

tic, but when in his last hour he still could not find his proof and his best answer to questions from his friends was: "I do not know."

The reverend speaker went on to criticise those who made the seeking of illicit and transient pleasures their sole pursuit in life, and closed his sermon with the impressive question: "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

COAL PROBLEM

MR. BALDWIN'S TERMS

London, March 24.

At a conference between Mr.

Stanley Baldwin and representa-

tives of the coalowners and miners,

Mr. Baldwin declared that the Co-

vernment would accept the Coal

Commission's Report and legis-

late thereon if the owners and

miners would accept the report.

Mr. Baldwin emphasised that the

subsidy must be ended on April

30, but if the owners and miners

reached an agreement by May 1st,

the Government would consider

temporary assistance in the worst

districts.—Reuters.

CANTON'S MILITARY DICTATOR



General Chang Kai-shek, who has brought off a big coup against the Russians in Canton, is here seen in the centre of the picture. With him are two of his staff officers.

BOGUS CONSTABLE.

WITH OFFICIAL POLICE SEAL.

An unusual charge has arisen from the arrest of a Chinese in Aberdeen Street, in the early hours of this morning. While going on his rounds, a Chinese detective in plain-clothes encountered a man whose actions aroused suspicions, which were not allayed when the suspect said he was also a detective and produced a seal containing his supposed official number, of the same type as those issued to members of the Hongkong Police Force, to prove his identity.

It was stated, that, at this point, the man put up a colossal piece of bluff in a challenge, to go with his interrogator to the Inspector at the nearest Police Station. The bluff was "called" and in subsequent investigations it was found that the man did not belong to the Force. How he came into possession of the seal is still a mystery, but it is interesting to have a Police Inspector's evidence to the effect that an identical seal has been reported as having been missed from the equipment of a constable, who to-day was appearing before the A. S. P. as a defaulter.

When charged before Major C. Wilson, at the Central Magistracy this morning, with being in possession of a constable's seal for an unlawful purpose, the prisoner admitted that he was not a police constable, but qualified this statement with the observation that he had entertained hopes of being one, as he was known to certain members of the Chinese force at the Central Police Station.

The Magistrate was of the opinion that the case would not be complete without official evidence being given of the accused's non-connection with the Force. His Worship remanded the case until to-morrow morning for the attendance of Inspector McNab Wilson with official proof.

Mr. C. L. C. Sandes has taken over the management of the Hongkong branch of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., in place of Mr. J. E. Ross, who is proceeding Home on furlough.

Before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, at the Supreme Court this morning, Mr. H. G. Sheldon made an application on behalf of Messrs. W. S. Bailey and Co., Ltd., for an extension of time to file a return of allotments. An extension was granted until April 1st.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BUILDERS v. DESTROYERS.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir.—The parade of the St. John's Ambulance Corps yesterday evening was an example of voluntary public service that has a deep significance in these troubled times.

We saw young Chinese who were giving up their spare time to fit themselves to render first aid in case of accident, and the practical value of this service for the good of others has been shown by the Corps at the Race-course fire, the Po Hing Fong disaster, and many other occasions.

We see other examples of service which is the highest realisation of citizenship, and perhaps mention might be made of the Scout Masters, many of whom are schoolmasters who give up their leisure in assisting boys to build up the "character" which will be of the utmost importance later in life.

Inhabitants of civilised countries must necessarily be builders, if the country is to prosper, and the desire to attain something better has been the driving force that has lifted mankind from the level of the brute.

Nothing, perhaps, caused so much indignation during the war as the wanton destruction of the Library at Louvain, the Cathedral at Rheims, etc., and the Chinese Emperor who tried to destroy past learning by burning the books is another example of senseless savagery.

Bolshevism, too, seems to be a policy of destruction. Russian intellectuals have been murdered and the country ruined by the experiments of ignorant and nasty-tongued politicians. They want to involve other countries in the mess, and are even going so far as to supply arms and munitions to enable the Chinese to fight one another and so cause further destruction and misery.

Some young Chinese have allied themselves with the "destroyers," but it is very hopeful to see tangible evidence at the parade of the St. John's Corps that the "builders" are doing good work, and it can only be a matter of time before the forces of construction overcome the forces of destruction.

Yours, etc.,

SCOUT.
Hongkong, March 25, 1926.

Petrol Supplies.

Sir.—I have read in your issue of March 24th of, an instance which appears to have been related seriously by the President of the Hongkong Automobile Association, that Mrs. John Jones, having come into town with her amah all the way from Shaukiwan, suddenly found she had used up her last tramway ticket and should be so optimistic as to send her amah, minus any cash, to the Chairman of the Hongkong Tramway Company, with a request for sufficient tickets to take her back home!—Yours etc.

SAM SMITH.
Hongkong, March 25th 1926.

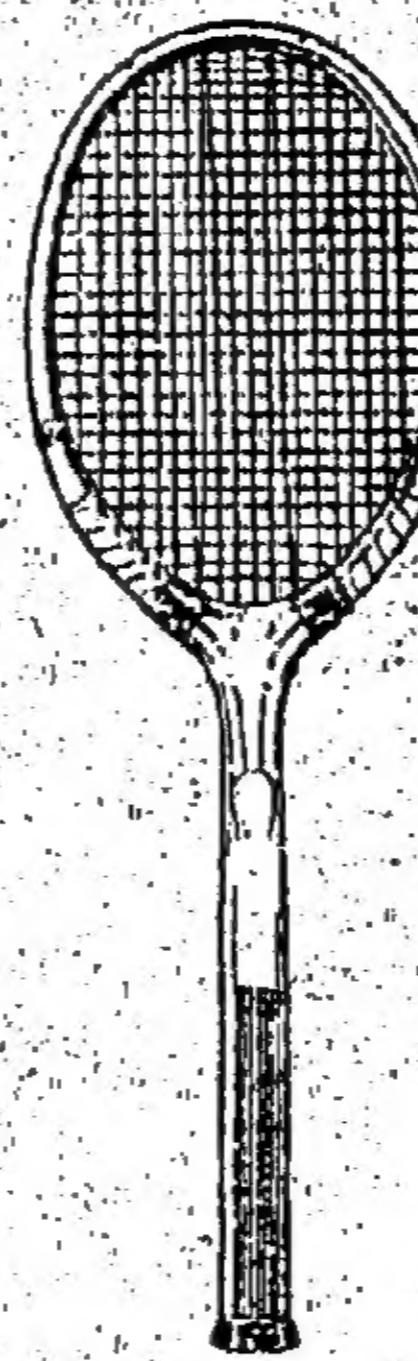
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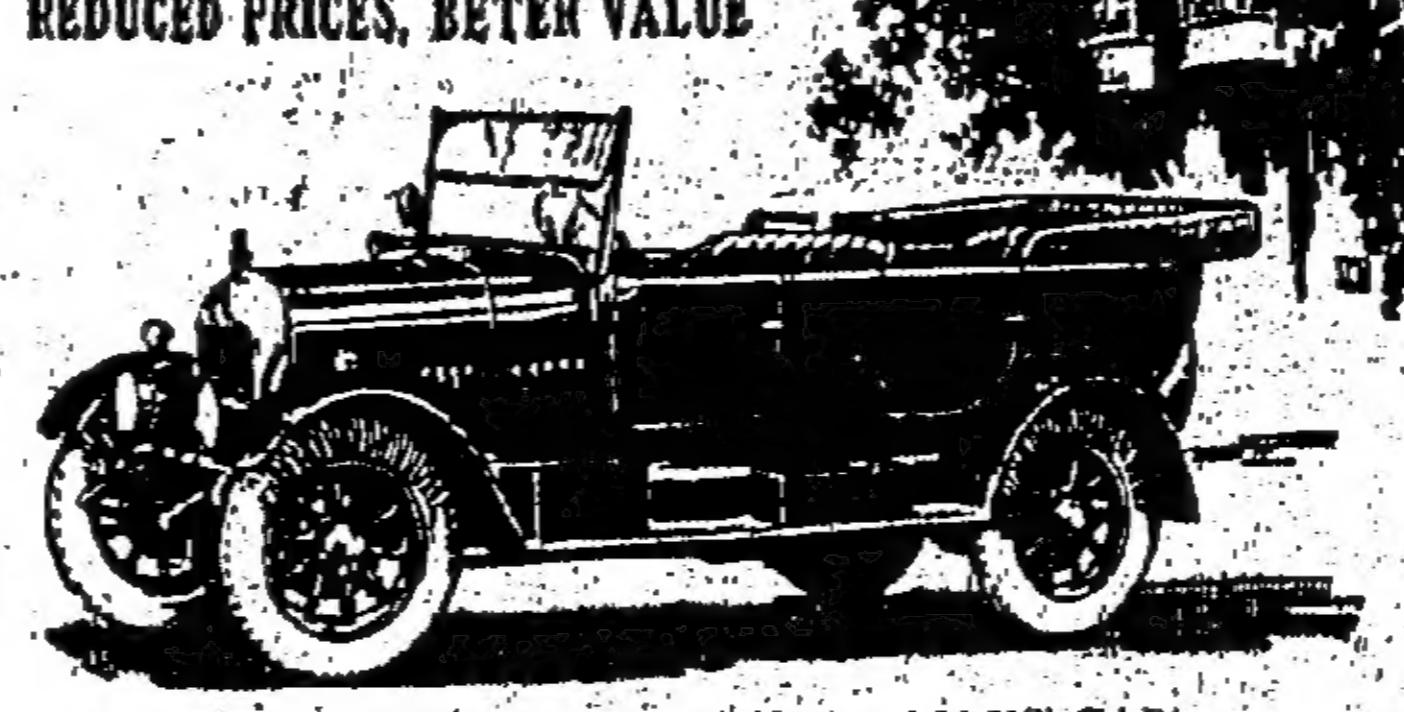
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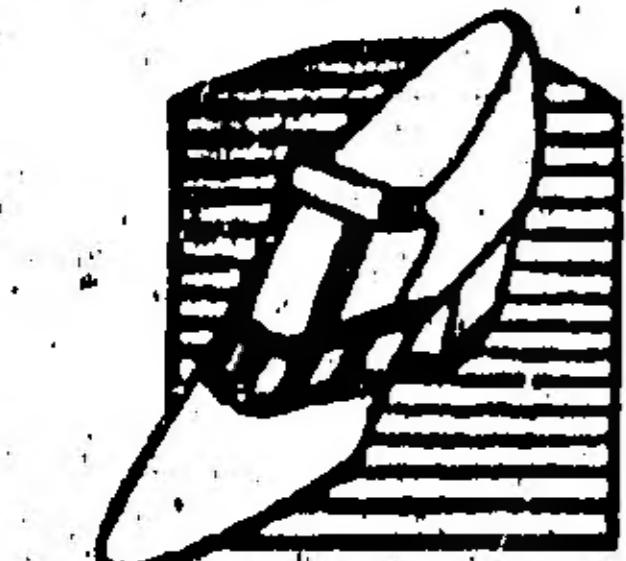
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**THE NORTHERN WAR.****OCCUPATION OF TIENSIN
BY CHIHILI FORCES.**

Tientsin, March 24.
Two armoured trains, manned by
White Russians, arrived at the
Central Station, from the Tsinpu line.
They will probably be sent up to
Yangtze to attack the Kuominchin
armoured train there.

Two trainloads of Fengtien troops
arrived last night from Tongshan
and reported that the whole railway
line between Tientsin and Tongshan
is now repaired and clear.

Chang Hsueh-liang is due here to-
day or to-morrow. The Fengtien
forces under his command have
reached Tangku.

Mails have been sent to Peking.—
Reuter.

White Russian Allies.

Tientsin, March 24.
Ten thousand troops are at pre-
sent at Tientsin, including 250
White Russian cavalry. Two
armoured trains, manned by
White Russians, have arrived and
are proceeding to Yangtze to at-
tack the Kuominchin forces. An
armoured train is blocking com-
munication with Peking.—Reuter.

Feng Departs.

Moscow, March 24.
According to an official agency,
Gen. Feng Yu-hsiang and his family
have arrived at Urga, in Mongolia.

—Reuter.

The Value of Unity.

London, March 24.
The compliance by the army lead-
ers and the Chinese Government
with the recent ultimatum, suggests
that the Powers have everything
to gain by combined action in
defence of legitimate foreign inter-
ests in China, according to the
Times, which hopes the interested
Powers, especially Britain, will profit
by the lesson.—Reuter.

STRATFORD THEATRE.**APPEAL FOR REBUILDING
FUND.**

London, March 24.
Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Mr. Ram-
say Macdonald, Lord Asquith and
Mr. Thomas Hardy have signed an
appeal for funds to replace the
Memorial Theatre at Stratford,
which was burned down on March
6, on "a worthy scale."—Reuter.



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else is just as good.

THE LEAGUE DEBATE.**MORE PRESS COMMENT.**

London, March 24.
The Daily Mail under the head-
ing "Chamberlain's Vindication,"
says the Foreign Secretary did very
well at Geneva despite the difficulties
created for him by the mis-
chievous activity of enthusiastic
bystanders.

The Daily News says Sir
Austen Chamberlain's speech
confirms the distrust generally
felt in this country for his
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He is unfit for his office.

The Daily Herald considers that
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The Westminster Gazette says
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The Daily Express comments
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than Sir Austen Chamberlain's explanation
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conduct of foreign affairs. "His
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which those hapless
negotiations disordered his
powers of judgment. Let us leave
Europe and her quarrels and turn our eyes to the Dominions."

The Daily Chronicle condemns
the whole Cabinet and says Sir
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right to the last the same errors
of judgment and narrowness of
vision, whereby he had stultified
Locarno and damaged his own prestige.

The Manchester Guardian says
the distrust which the country has
shown to Sir Austen Chamberlain's
political judgment has not diminished.

The Times regrets that Sir Austen
did not permit himself similar free-
dom and directness of speech during
the suspense preceding the unhappy
negotiations at Geneva.—Reuter.

The Reichstag Debate.

Berlin, March 24.

The Reichstag, by 259 votes, to
141 has rejected the German Na-
tional Party's motion of non-confi-
dence in the Government includ-
ing a demand that Germany shall
withdraw her application for ad-
mission to the League.

The Reichstag has adopted the
Government parties' motion ap-
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LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

SURREYS DEFEAT THE RECREIO.

In what was more or less a dress rehearsal for the semi-final of the Shield Competition, played at Soekumpoo yesterday afternoon, the East Surreys defeated the Club de Recreio by three goals to one.

Humberstone netted twice in the early stages and close to the interval. Fuertes took advantage of a slip by Jordan and placed nicely to Silva, who reduced the arrears from close in.

During the second half, the Surreys had much the better of the game and Cheeseman made the result safe by getting a third goal. Butler was injured near the end, when he was brought heavily to the turf by Ogley. He was unable to continue.

The Surreys, by gaining these two points, are practically assured of runners-up position in the League competition, and, should Kowloon fall against either South or the Club, will be in a position to walk away with the championship.

SHIELD MATCH.

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon in their Shield game with the Police on Saturday, at Soekumpoo ("A" ground, kick-off at 4 p.m.):—Avery; Wheeler and Read; Turner, Caville and McElveen; Millard, Sparx, Sims, Duncan G., and Hayes. Reserves:—Linaker, Sibley, Taylor and Pasco.

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

100 TO 1 CHANCE WINS IN FIELD OF 26.

London, March 24.

The Lincolnshire Handicap, run to-day at Lincoln, resulted as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| King of Clubs | 1 |
| Zionist | 2 |
| Vestington Star | 3 |
| Twenty-six ran. Won by a head, three-quarters of a length between second and third. | |

The starting price betting was: King of Clubs, 100 to 1; Zionist, 9 to 2; Vestington Star, 25 to 1.—Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL.

YESTERDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

London, March 24.

The following are the results of matches played in the English League:

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Second Division.—South Shields | 1 |
| Clapton Orient | 0 |
| Third Division (South)—Reading | 2 |
| Aberdare | 1 |
| Bristol Rovers | 3 |
| Crystal Palace | 1 |
| Scottish League.—Celtic | 4 |
| St. Johnstone | 1 |
| Johnstone | 1 |
| Reuter. | 1 |

VARSITY GOLF.

CAMBRIDGE BEAT OXFORD.

London, March 24.

Playing at Burnham, Somerset, in the inter-Varsity golf match, Cambridge beat Oxford by nine matches to six.—Reuter.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in a Rugby match against the Club on Friday evening at 5.30 p.m.:—J. Walker; O. Skinner, R. P. Moodie, R. W. Lee and D. E. G. Nicholson; J. B. Milne and J. A. D. Morrison; H. G. Russell, W. Beveridge, J. H. Sutcliffe, V. R. Jones, A. C. Groves, R. A. Jardine, R. L. Moncrieff and A. MacIntyre.

The Bank will play in white.

Mr. E. Cock (the President) presided over an extraordinary general meeting of the Kowloon Golf Club held at the Kowloon British School last evening, called for the purpose of approving certain alterations to the Articles of Association.

The amendments proposed gave the Committee power to alter the amount of subscription and the division of members into "residents" and "sea-going".

The resolution was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. W. Goldenberg, and unanimously approved.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

CLUB LOSE TO ARTILLERY.

By the odd goal in three, a team composed of men from the Hongkong and Singapore Royal Artillery defeated Hongkong Hockey Club first eleven, at the United Services Recreation ground, Kowloon, last evening. Several new players were tried out by the Club, and all gave a good account of themselves. One of these was Lawrence, of the A. P. C. Company, from Shameen, where he had won many tennis honours. He scored, the Club's only goal, and had he been more confident he might have scored more. Forster, at inside right, has had considerable hockey experience in India. The outside right was Valentine, who has recently returned from leave. Previously he put in some good work for the second eleven.

Sgt. Clark was in goal for the Artillery, and, as usual, gave a good account of himself, and saved some great shots. Towards the end of the game he distinguished himself particularly, and had a less efficient custodian been playing, the Club might have won, or at least forced a draw. Another outstanding player was Captain Parkes, at inside right. Although not very fast, he was quick to seize opportunities, and was the sharpshooter of the soldiers. He netted both goals. Lieut. Smith had a hard time to keep Lamerton in check, and was responsible for several good clearances.

The Club played in a promising manner at the beginning of the game and it had only been in progress for a few minutes, before Lawrence gave them the lead with a strong straight shot, after gathering from the right wing. The Artillery played stronger after this reverse, and Capt. Parkes soon obtained the equaliser. After this the exchanges were fairly even, both sides holding the upper hand in turn. Shortly before the interval, Capt. Parkes succeeded in putting the soldiers ahead.

Resuming with one goal deficit, the Club made strenuous efforts to pick up, but the Artillery were too strong for them, and for a time most of the play was confined to the Club's half of the field. Wedlake and Woodward stood the pressure well, and energetic work was seen by Hett and Mitchell. Captain Parkes was constantly noticeable, but he was too well marked to be able to do much. Gradually play became more midfield, and the Club made several fruitless attempts, mainly owing to the determined resistance put up by Lt. Smith and Sgt. Clark. During the closing stages of the game, Sgt. Clark was hotly pressed and stopped several shots that appeared to be certain goals. The Club had more bad luck with further shots, and the final whistle blew with the score unchanged.

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LEAGUE CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. v ROYAL ENGINEERS.

The following will represent the Civil Service Cricket Club in a second division League match against the Royal Engineers on the Civil Service ground on Saturday:—W. Edmunds (Capt.), C. Sara, T. Carr, R. S. Paterson, F. Harper, S. B. Spillet, H. Westlake, F. Haynes, B.C.K. Hawkins, J.H.B. Nihill and E. Booker. Reserve: W. Sayers.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

SLUMP IN NEW YORK MARKET.

New York, March 24. There has been an avalanche of selling orders on the stock market, with much carrying over. High-tide issues are down from three to nineteen points, making new low records for the year. The total sales amounted to \$2,600,000.

This bearish sentiment is influenced by reports of slackening activity in basic industries, widespread cancellation of automobile orders, the Government investigation into the recent oil amalgamation and the poor showing of the General Electric Company last year.

American Can Co. shares have been hammered down by 28 points.—Reuter's American Service.

The master of the steam Launch Yat Lee was fined \$5 this morning for mooring outside two other boats alongside the s.s. Telemachus. For a similar offence in respect of the s.s. Hopalong, the coxswain of the motor boat Kwong Yue Long was fined \$5 or five days in default.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.

Hongkong, \$1,055 n.

Chartered, \$214 n.

Mercantile & B., \$30 b.

Merchants' C., \$133 b.

P. and O., \$93 n.

East Asia, \$79 b.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$629 b.

China Underwriters, \$1,75 sa.

North China, Tls. 145 n.

Unions, \$285 s.

Yangtsze, \$444 b.

Fire Ins.

China Fires, \$165 b.

Hongkong Fire, \$570 sa.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$28 sa.

Steamboats, \$34 b.

Tugs, \$24 n.

Indo-Chinas, \$38 n.

Shell Trans., \$88/6 b.

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Waterboats, \$15 b.

Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$27 s.

Malabons, \$39 n.

Mining.

Bengtels, \$1.80 b.

Kailans, 42/6 b.

Langkats, Tls. 23 b.

Shan Explorations, Tls. 5.00 s.

Shanghai Loans, Tls. 7 n.

Raubis, \$500 b.

Traohs, \$61/6 b.

Ural Caspians, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$130 s.

Whampoa Docks, \$62 n.

Hongkong, Tls. 160 b.

New Engineering, Tls. 5 b.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 100 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

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Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$11 b.

Canton Ices, \$74 n.

Cements, \$15 b.

China Buses, Tls. 104 b.

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China Prov., \$8.10 n.

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Dairy Farms, \$20 s.

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Developments, 25 cents, n.

Ropes, \$30 s.

Telephones, \$4,000 sa.

Tramways, \$234 b.

Lan Crawford, \$11 b.

Mackintosh, \$214 b.

Peak Trams, \$161 b.

Sinceres, \$11 n.

Taxis, \$4 b.

United Asbestos, \$20 n.

Watsons (Old), \$12 b.

Watsons (New), \$11,75 b.

Powells, \$10 n.

Another telegram from Kweichow states that the Szechuan unit under General Wong Tien-pui is now in touch with Kweichow, and that both armies are advancing on the western frontier of Hupeh, where General Lu Kun-shan is garrisoned. The three armies are said to have reached a common understanding and that at an appointed time they will advance on Wuchang.

The weather forecast up to noon tomorrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; overcast, some rain.

Two Chinese deck passengers died on the s.s. Van Overstraeten, which arrived to-day from Singapore.

The master of the s.s. Tony Maru reports that a steward disappeared in the course of the voyage from Yokohama.

THE BOYCOTT.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMENT.

We have now received from the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce a copy of the Annual Report for 1925, from which extracts are given for some days.

The Report is a handsomely produced volume, illustrated by a number of fine photographs of the Harbour and the Colony's principal buildings, which are introduced, it is explained, in order to convey a full impression of the Colony to Members of Parliament and Editors of leading newspapers abroad, amongst whom it is proposed this year to circulate copies of this record of the Colony's commercial activities. It is printed by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd.

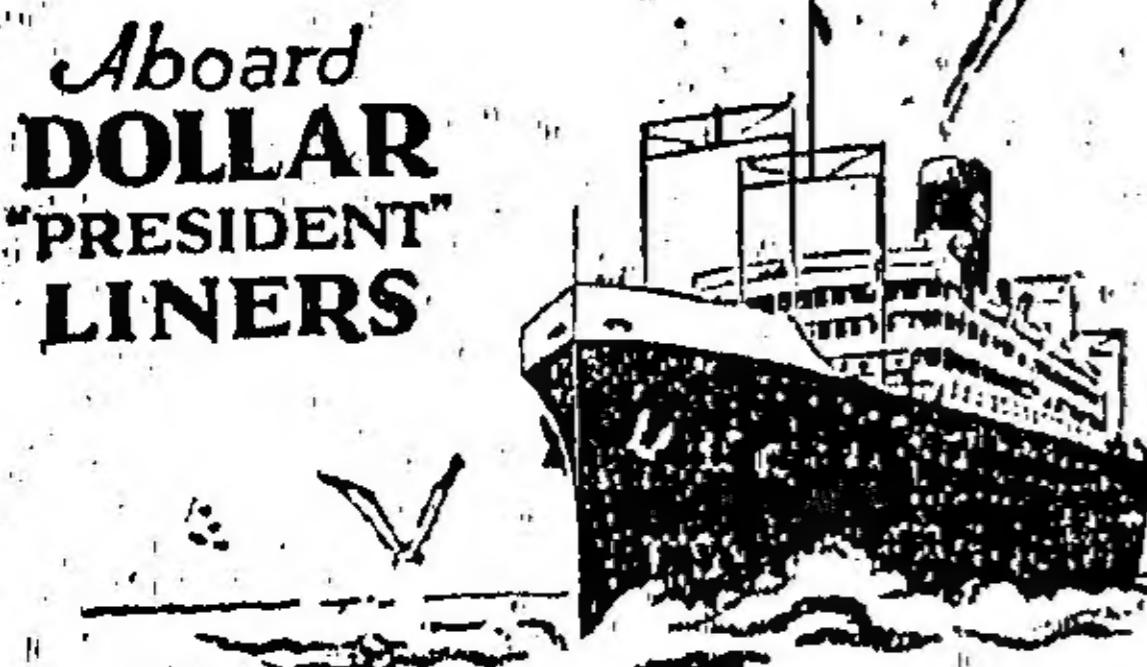
The principal feature of this year's report is an account of "The Canton and Swatow Boycott of Hongkong, British Shipping and British Trade."

The report then goes on to deal at length with the issues leading up to the boycott, and the effects it has had on shipping and commerce.

"To those without local knowledge of the circumstances," remarks the Report, "it must be very difficult to understand how the extraordinary situation has arisen, and can persist, that a mere handful of agitators are able to defy both their own countrymen and the British Empire, (though a similar situation has arisen in Russia since the Revolution). In this matter those vitally interested are the victims of a diplomatic conventionality. The Central Chinese Government in Peking, to which the Powers direct all their diplomatic representations, admittedly has no control whatsoever

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| EMPERESS OF RUSSIA | May 28 | May 31 | Jun. 3 | Jun. 5 | Jun. 14 | |
| EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA | Jun. 11 | Jun. 14 | Jun. 16 | Jun. 19 | Jun. 30 | |
| EMPERESS OF ASIA | Jun. 24 | Jun. 27 | Jun. 30 | July 3 | July 12 | |
| EMPERESS OF CANADA | July 9 | July 12 | July 14 | July 17 | July 26 | |
| EMPERESS OF RUSSIA | July 22 | July 25 | July 28 | July 31 | Aug. 9 | |
| EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA | Aug. 6 | Aug. 9 | Aug. 11 | Aug. 14 | Aug. 25 | |
| EMPERESS OF ASIA | Aug. 19 | Aug. 22 | Aug. 25 | Aug. 28 | Sep. 6 | |
| EMPERESS OF CANADA | Sep. 3 | Sep. 5 | Sep. 8 | Sep. 11 | Sep. 20 | |
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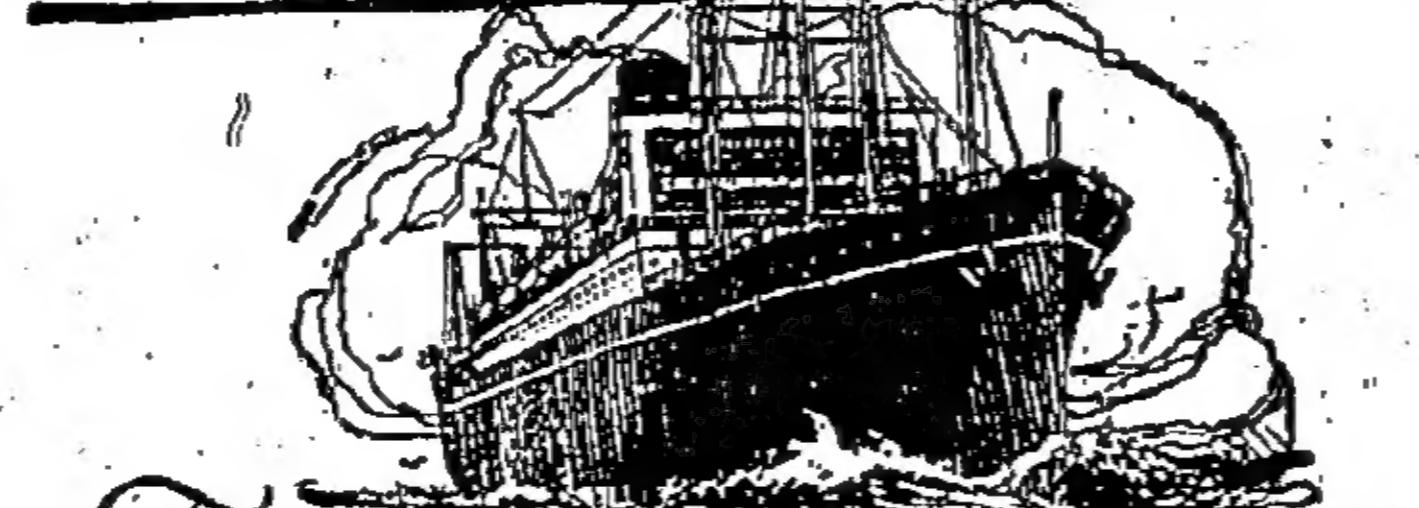
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ROPE AND LAND.

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ing, owing to the great exodus of Chinese during the strike. At the beginning of the year, there were 61 flats fully occupied, but in July the demand for these quickly fell off till at the end of the year only 30 flats were in occupation. Rents were, of course, reduced and our 28 houses, which, when fully occupied in normal times, should bring us in about \$50,000 per annum at the rates we were obtaining before the strike, are now only yielding us a total rent of from \$8,000 to \$9,000 per annum. But when we have shifted the old plant to Kowloon we shall have a site for 123 houses, of which only 28 have been built, in one of the most congested parts of the town, standing in our books at the low valuation of \$6.50 per foot and which in normal times will certainly bring us in a large return. Rope business may be dull at present and house property depressed, but Hongkong will weather this storm as it has done many others, for I remember the day when houses at the Peak could be lived in rent free, and better days will surely come for this and all other industries in the Colony.

Work at the new factory in Kowloon has, of course, suffered from the prevailing conditions in the Colony, money and labour both being scarce. On buildings, we have spent \$321,037.43 and we estimate it will take about the same amount to complete the factory. For a new plant for this factory we have spent \$100,123.22 the principal items being—Rope, spinning and waste Machines, electric motors and trucks shaftings and workshop machines. Against this expenditure we have the final call of \$6 per share due on 2nd July, 1926. But we must not let ourselves be too depressed by the statement now presented. We are going through an abnormal state of things, brought about by the shortsightedness of people in power who do not realize that attempts to ruin their neighbours only recoil on themselves and that the trade of Hongkong will continue to expand and prosper, no matter what part Canton may take in it. Such attempts to injure us as this boycott at Canton may put the Colony to temporary loss and inconvenience, but they are fundamentally unsound. They are like houses built on the sand, which, we are told, cannot last. It will pass, like everything else in this world, and soon be forgotten, but until it does, we must try to put up with the day of smaller things. I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed and that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account of \$212,547.63 be carried forward to next year's account. When that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

Mr. H. P. White seconded.

SOME CRITICISMS.

Mr. Kelly Sayce:—Can you tell us how much more in cash will have to be spent on our new building in Kowloon?

The Chairman:—I have just told you in the course of my speech. We have already spent some \$320,000 and it is estimated that it will require a similar amount before it is completed.

Mr. Kelly Sayce:—So we shall need a loan from the bank?

The Chairman:—We have the call to come in.

Mr. Kelly Sayce:—But we shall be paying interest?—No, we shall do the same as before.

The building of the Chinese houses on our old site cost us \$600,000 and brings in \$19,000, not enough to pay the interest?—Yes, but we hope that that state of affairs will improve.

Don't you think it is a mistake to build Chinese houses and transfer our factory to the mainland, leaving us shareholders loaded with a lot of empty houses and no dividend?—We can all be wise after the event, Mr. Sayce. It was done at the express request of the shareholders. The suggestion did not come from the Consulting Committee or the management.

Do you consider the locality of our new factory suitable for our rope business?—We should not have taken the land if we did not.

Do you consider the price we paid was cheap?—Yes, it was considered very cheap at the time. Mr. Kelly Sayce:—I think I am expressing the views of a large number of shareholders when I say that the Company should get out of land and property and leave it to the land companies. We should confine

RUBBER MARKET.

A FIRMER TONE.

Mesava, Carroll Bros., are in receipt of cable advices from Singapore stating that rubber is now quoted at \$1.05 1/2 per lb. and that the Bukit Katil Rubber Estates have declared an interim dividend of 4%. The market all round is stronger. The following are the latest quotations:

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| Amalgamated Malaya | \$4.50 |
| Ayer Moles | \$3.10 |
| Ayer Paras | \$1.00 |
| Balacrau | \$6.00 |
| Bassets | \$1.15 |
| Braga | \$1.40 |
| Bukit Katil | \$1.45 |
| Changkat Serdangs | \$0.70 |
| Cinemans | \$2.00 |
| Gleneden | \$2.65 |
| Indragiri | \$1.00 |
| Jimaia | \$1.90 |
| Kedah | \$2.45 |
| Kempas | \$1.75 |
| Kuala Sidim | \$1.00 |
| Lima | \$4.50 |
| Mainaka Pindas | \$2.00 |
| Mandal Tekongs | \$4.00 |
| Mayfields | \$0.60 |
| Mentakab | \$1.00 |
| New Serendahs | \$1.75 |
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BANKS AND LOANS.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE.

Tokyo, March 24.

The Upper House in a full session this morning passed the Nishihara loan bills, whereby the Government shoulders the full responsibility from the banks concerned. —Reuter.

SUMATRA MARU FIRE.

CARGO ONLY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED.

Colombo, March 24.

The Sumatra Maru has arrived full of cotton, portions of the cargo being slightly damaged by fire and steam.

The cargo will be discharged at Hull probably mostly undamaged. —Reuter.

More than 250 guests were present at the dinner and ball arranged by the Singapore St. Patrick's Society—the second event of the kind since the formation of the Society—at the Europe Hotel on Wednesday last week.

London, Feb. 12.—The earth's crust constantly is growing hotter and in some thirty or fifty million years it will liquefy. This statement was made before the Royal Astronomical Society by Professor John Joly, Professor of Geology and Mineralogy at the University of Dublin. Professor Joly said the lower layer of the earth's crust upon which the continents rest is continually becoming hotter. Eventually the continents will "crack," he said, and will sink until about nine-tenths of their present area is submerged beneath molten lava. The substratum, he added, then will cool gradually and the continents rise up again.

ourselves to the rope business, which has proved very profitable in the past.

There being no further questions, the motion for the adoption of the report and accounts was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. Allan Cameron and Mr. H. P. White were re-elected to the consulting Committee on the proposal of Mr. Munty, seconded by Mr. Raymond.

It was proposed by Mr. Kelly Sayce and seconded by Mr. Toplin that Messrs. Linstrand and Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-appointed auditors for the ensuing year, and this was carried.

There was no further business.

GENERAL EXECUTED.

BEHEADED BY MARSHAL WU PEI-FU.

Wuchang, March 13.—A summary act of justice was carried out in Hankow last Tuesday, when a military officer of some rank was beheaded at the orders of Wu Pei-fu for having tried to extort money from a local merchant. The officer in question was Hung Yuen-pin, a Hupch man, 27 years old, who had been appointed Commander of the Third Division of the Yu Wei-chuin, or Honan Protection Army. Gen. Hung was in charge of an office in Hankow, where he had the task of providing for the pay and rationing of some of the troops who are fighting in Honan. Being short of funds, he wrote a letter to a wealthy merchant, Mr. Wan Wei-poh, demanding a loan of \$6,000. Mr. Wan, instead of complying, sent the letter to the Hankow Chief of Police, who in turn reported the matter to Wu Pei-fu. Mr. Chow, the Chief of Police, with a guard of armed police, visited Gen. Hung's residence and confronted him with the letter. Upon his admitting that he had written the letter, Hung was arrested, and taken first to the police station and afterwards to Marshal Wu's headquarters at Chachinfeng. After a brief examination of the accusation, Marshal Wu summarily condemned the prisoner to execution. He was beheaded without delay, and his head was hung upon one of the telegraph poles upon the Hankow Maipo. The details of the above account are taken direct from the native press.—N. C. D. News.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

THE LATEST CHANGES.

Mr. M. Defty, from reserve, has gone second officer, Foochow.

Mr. L. G. Potter, from reserve, has gone second officer, Kwangtung.

Mr. G. P. Pope, from reserve, has gone second officer, Fengtien.

Mr. R. Atkinson, from reserve, has gone second officer, Huichow.

Mr. F. E. B. Steer, second officer, Suiyang, has gone second officer, King Yuan.

Mr. J. Middleton, second engineer, Wenchang.

Mr. H. M. Hall, chief engineer, Wenchow.

Mr. S. Dumbreck, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Wenchow.

Mr. H. S. Beech, third engineer, Wenchow, has gone third engineer, Lu-chow.

Mr. F. E. Lane, from Home leave, has gone sup'y chief officer, Chak-sang.

Mr. L. J. Stevenson, second officer, Chak-sang, is on reserve.

Mr. S. W. Minshall, from reserve, has gone second officer, Kwai-sang.

Mr. F. M. Ide, second officer, Kwai-sang, is on reserve.

Mr. N. Churchill, sup'y second officer, Pingwo, has gone second officer, Yusang.

Mr. H. A. Mick, second officer, Yusang, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Fey, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Lu-enho.

Mr. J. W. Collam, second officer, Kinshau, is on reserve.

Mr. G. H. Madden, chief officer, Suital, Mr. R. H. Stewart, chief officer, Tai-shan, has gone chief officer, Suital.

Captain R. C. Gillespie, of the Davaowong, is on reserve.

Mr. P. MacGinnis, chief officer, Davaowong, is on reserve.

Captain E. G. Rapley, from reserve, has gone master, New Mathilde.

Mr. A. Frichard, acting master, New Mathilde, has gone chief officer, same ship.

Mr. H. C. Everett, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Haitan.

Shipper and Engineer, Yingming.

The Singapore Improvement Trust has, owing to the acute housing shortage in Singapore, submitted plans to the Municipality for the erection of over 1,200 houses at Tiong Bahru and Lavender Street. It is now reported that the scheme has received official sanction.</